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TO: Each Supervisor
FROM: *Robert B. Taylor*
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SUBJECT: **TEMPORARY USE OF CAMP HOLTON BY COUNTY FIRE
DEPARTMENT**

This is to advise your Board that the Probation Department will temporarily vacate the Camp Holton premises effective Tuesday, September 22, 2009. The Camp Holton youth and staff will relocate to Camp Michael Smith.

On August 30, 2009, the Station Fire destroyed the Mt. Gleason Fire Camp, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR), Camp 16. As a result, personnel assigned to the facility were displaced and the Fire Department has been challenged to find an interim housing accommodation to allow the crews to remain located within Los Angeles County for the duration of the 2009 fire season.

In order to maintain adequate wildland fire fighting resources within the County, on September 15, 2009, the Probation Department agreed to allow Camp 16 personnel, which includes Fire, CDCR, and inmate crews, to be temporarily housed at Camp Holton. Camp Holton will be occupied by the Fire Department through the fire season and will vacate the camp no later than the first week of January 2010.

The actions taken in the relocation of the camp youth are as follows:

- 92 Camp Holton youth will be reassigned to Camp Smith;
- All parents of youth shall be notified of the new camp placement;
- All Camp Holton staff will be reassigned to Camp Smith;
- All Camp Holton partnering agencies have been notified of the temporary closure.

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The actions taken on the part of the Fire Department are as follows:

- 105 inmate crew fire fighters have been assigned to Camp Holton;
- 9 Fire Department staff have been assigned to Camp Holton;
- 7 CDCR staff have been assigned to Camp Holton;
- The Fire Department will oversee the security and maintenance of the facility;
- The Probation Department operates Camp Holton under a special use permit with the Angeles National Forest (ANF). Fire Department is working with the ANF to secure any necessary approvals and permits as a result of the change.

Please call me if you have any questions or require any additional information or your staff may contact Dennis Carroll, Bureau Chief, Residential Treatment Services at (562) 940-2503.

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C: William T Fujioka, Chief Executive Officer
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